

## **WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

### **COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT**

**DATE: AUGUST 29, 2016**

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#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS: MCDEVITT  
BEATY  
STROUGH  
SIMPSON

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

SUPERVISORS: WOOD  
DICKINSON  
MACDONALD  
MONTESI  
LEGGETT

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

##### **REPRESENTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:**

ED BARTHOLOMEW, PRESIDENT  
JEN SWITZER, FINANCE DIRECTOR  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISOR BRAYMER  
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT  
THOM RANDALL, *THE ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*  
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the August 29, 2016 meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:*  
<http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2016/economic/>

Mr. McDevitt called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to order at 11:45 a.m. He noted the lack of committee quorum and explained this meant the Committee could not take any action or approve the minutes of the previous committee meeting.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Ed Bartholomew, President of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), who distributed copies of various handouts which he reviewed in detail. Copies of the handouts are on file with the minutes.

Mr. Bartholomew informed over the past month he had visited Stony Creek for their Chamber of Commerce activities as well as the Town of Horicon Restoration Museum Project. He said he had toured the Lake George Wastewater Treatment Plant and stated the estimated cost was \$18 million. He added that he would be meeting with Mr. Merlino for water pressure issues in the Town of Lake Luzerne.

Next, Mr. Bartholomew stated he and Supervisors from Warren, Washington and Essex County met and welcomed Rosanna Rosado, New York State Secretary. He noted that concerns were voiced regarding the reimbursement contract process and the need for Broadband in this area. He mentioned that the Town of Stony Creek was looking to acquire property and build a new library.

Mr. Bartholomew said the Adirondack Northway Exit 20 study would be submitted to the Department of Transportation Subcommittee to review the RFP. He stated the main focus of the study would be to better the bicycle, pedestrian, emergency vehicle and general traffic access from Exit 20 to Exit 21; he explained the traffic in this area tended to be congested which discouraged tourists from shopping in that area, leading them to avoid the area. He stated the section of Route 9 near Sweet and Weeks Road would also be reviewed for economic development. He noted that Supervisor Strough had done an excellent job working on economic development for Exit 18.

Continuing, Mr. Bartholomew spoke of upcoming events including the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Adirondack Planning & Zoning Forum to be held on October 6<sup>th</sup> at Fort William Henry Hotel. He briefly mentioned the Marriot Hotel Grand Opening in Lake George was today at 2:00 p.m. He said the Lake George Chamber would be hosting a forum at The Inn at Erlowest entitled Lake George 365.

Mr. McDevitt commended Mr. Bartholomew on the work he had done in Warren County.

Finally, Mr. Bartholomew stated a priority moving ahead would be engaging local business with Federal and State Legislature for Broadband.

In the absence of a quorum, Mr. McDevitt declared the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board